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Subject: Mrs. SAVCHAK, Myroslava; her trip to Ukraine in summer 1965

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1. Subject was born in Ukraine, age 52, presently resides at 2074 Vyso Ave. Bronx 60 N.Y. She visited her two brothers, Mychailo and Mykola PAVLYK (both former members of the Communist Party of Western Ukraine.) in Lviv during the summer of 1965. She left the U.S. on tour arranged by KOMBASNIUK agency on 27 August for Warsaw, from there she travelled to PEREMYSL and then to Ukraine.
2. In Lviv group stayed for 4 days. Subject's impression of the city was that outwardly it seems to be quite Russified, but noticed that there is a definite pressure by parents to prevent their children from becoming Russified. There are clubs of students which cultivate, and spread the use of Ukrainian. A feeling of "self defence" exists which manifests itself by keeping marriages on a purely Ukrainian level, therefore there are very few mixed marriages. Subject once heard two villagers complaining about the lack of Ukrainian text books in Lviv. On a visit to the cemetery of the Ukrainian Sich Riflemen, she found it in an neglected state. Only the graves of BASARAB, LEVITSKY, and Gen. TERMAVSKY were well taken care of, there were even flowers on some of the graves. About fire in Kiev library she heard from some friends.
3. In TERNOPIL tour stayed 3 days, (originally plan called for 4 days, but due to protests on the part of members of tour was shortened.) In a visit to the theater group saw the play "NEVOLNIKY" which was staged in Ukrainian. A high school was visited where English is taught from the 4th grade up. In Subject's opinion, TERNOPIL gives the appearance of being the most Ukrainian city visited.
4. In Kiev there was a banquet held by the Association for Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians Abroad. Host at the banquet was the writer Yuriy SMOLYCH. He talked about the necessity of enlarging cultural ties with other nations, and explained the functions of the Association. There was a period of questions and answers, with SMOLYCH giving

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standard party line replies. He proposed that the ~~tourist~~ exchange be enlarged, and that more young people visit Ukraine. They (in Kiev) have now a new project, whereby the cost for young people traveling to Ukraine would be covered by the Soviet Ukrainian government, once they are inside the borders of the Ukraine. He mentioned that recently, children of two Ukrainian families from Austria had visited Ukraine.

In Kiev group saw the usual~~y~~ tourist attractions, St. Sophia Sobor, The Lavre, Ukrainian Opera and Shevchenko Museum. Subject saw the film "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors", but complained that the tickets were printed in Russian. An interview was held with a woman who had lived in Ukraine during 1939-41, this woman, visiting her son gave replies to the tune that everything in Ukraine she saw was as good as in the U.S. But this woman forgot to mention that her son ~~had~~ built his house, and could afford other items only because she <sup>had</sup> sent him parcels from the U.S.A.

5. In Kaniv group visited the Shevchenko museum.

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